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SUBJ: US MILITARY SALES TO KUWAIT

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1. IT APPEARS THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SALES OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO KUWAIT WILL BE VERY LARGEY DEPENDENT UPON US ABILITY TO DELIVER REQUESTED ITEMS IN THE SHRTST POSSIBLE TIME IN COMPRISONN WITH OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES.

2. RECENT IRAQI ATTACK ON KUWAIT, AND CONVTINUING IRAQI OCCUPATION OF KUWAITI TERRITORY, MAKE A RAPID AND VISIBLE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTRY'S MILITARY FORCE THE MOST IMPORTANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION FOR KUWAITIS.

3. BRITISH HEAD OF KUWAIT LIAISON TEAM (KLT) RE- EMPHASIZED URGENCY OF IMMEDIATE DELIVERIES TO EMBOFF APRIL 8. KLT CHIEF, WHO IS CHIEF FOREIGN ADVISOR TO VGOK MILITARY, ALSO SAID MOST LIKELY REASON GOK HAS REQUESTED TANKS IS THAT UK UNABLE PROMISE QUICK DELIVERY OF CENTURIONS. HE ADDED THAT PROSPECTS FOR SALE OF F-5 S MIGHT BE ENHANCED IF DELIVERY TIME IS PROBLEM FOR FRENCH (WHOM HE ASSUMES WILL BE ASKED PROVIDE MIRAGE AIRCRAFT) AND

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F-5 S CAN BE DELIEVERED QUICKKY.

4. COMMENT: URGE DEPT GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POSSIBILITY
OF EARLIEST DELIVERY OF ITEMS REQUESTED. THIS WILL BE CRUCIAL
FACTOR IN PRESENT SALES EFFORT WHICH MAY WELL SET PATTERN FOR
FUTURE EXPANDED COOPERATION.

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